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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sana Al-Hashemi

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 19-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 19-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is issued in response to the applicant amendment filed 9/12/05.
2. Claims 1-3, 19-33 are pending.
3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, and 19-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-3, and 19-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Benson et al. (Benson hereinafter) (US Patent No. 5,845,281).

Regarding Claims 1, 2, 3, 26, 32, and 33, Benson discloses an apparatus for managing using condition information corresponding to the content comprising:

means for receiving said using condition information, described in a first format the using condition information indicating usage rules corresponding to the content data (Fig. 1, 42, Col. 5, lines 24-28, Benson);

means for converting said first format of said using condition information into a

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second format (Col. 6, lines 40-43, Benson), said second format being different from the first format (Col. 6, 7, lines 43-48, 53-59, respectively, Benson); and

means for transmitting the using condition information described in the second format (Col. 7, lines 15-22, Benson).

Regarding Claims 19, 20, and 21, Benson discloses a data processing apparatus for managing using condition information corresponding to the content data, said data processing apparatus comprising:

means for receiving said using condition information, described in a first format the using condition information indicating usage rules corresponding to the content data (Fig. 1, 42, Col. 5, lines 24-28, Benson); and

means for converting said first format of said using condition information into a second format, said second format being different from the first format (Col. 6, 7, lines 43-48, 53-59, respectively, Benson);

wherein the using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the using condition information described in the second format is substantially equal in meaning to the using condition information described in the first format (Col. 7, lines 2-14, Benson).

Regarding Claims 22, and 28, Benson discloses an apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 1, further comprising:

means for decrypting the using condition information described in the first format (Col. 11, 41-47, Benson);

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means for encrypting the using condition information described in the second format (Col. 11, lines 57-63, Benson).

Regarding Claims 23, and 29, Benson discloses an apparatus for managing using condition information wherein the using condition information includes a limit of reproductions of the content data (Col. 12, lines 58-65, Benson).

Regarding Claims 24, and 30, Benson discloses an apparatus for managing using condition information, wherein the using condition information includes a period of time (Col. 15, lines 41-46, Benson).

Regarding Claims 25, and 31, Benson discloses an apparatus for managing using condition information wherein the using condition information includes cost data Col. 7, lines 63-67, Benson).

Regarding Claim 27, Benson discloses an apparatus for managing using condition information further comprising:

a decryption device configured to decrypt the using condition information described in the first format (Col. 15, lines 14-22, Benson).

Response to Arguments

Applicant argues that the Benson does not teach or suggest, at least, "means for converting said first format of said using condition information into a second format, said second format being different from the first format" of Claim 1.

Examiner disagrees. Refereeing to Fig. 14, item 1406, Col. 12, lines 12-16, Benson discloses a means for converting format specifically the "program 35 never stores the object data

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in native format in user accessible storage. In other words the Benson converts the format from first to second format.

Same response applies to claims 19-21, 26, 32, and 33.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Other Prior Art Made of Record

1- Benson et al. (US Patent No. 5,845,281) discloses a method and system for managing a data object so as to comply with predetermined conditions for usage.

2- Wiser et al. (US Patent No. 6,330,675) discloses a system and method for secure transfer of digital data to a local recordable storage medium.

3- Rhoads et al. (US Patent No. 6,442,285) discloses controlling operation of a device using a re-configurable watermark detector.


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4- Van Zoest et al. (US Patent No. 6,496,802) discloses system and method for providing access to electronic works.

Points of Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to: Sana Al-Hashemi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4013. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones, can be reached on (571) 272-4085. Any response to this office action should be mailed to: The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. Or telefax at phone number (703) 872-9306. For formal or draft communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT". Hand-delivered response should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, 6th Floor Receptionist, Arlington, Virginia. 22202.

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